

Please amend the specification as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

In the specification at page 1, lines 1-2, please replace the title of the invention with the following:

**--VARIANTS OF VASCULAR ENDOTHELIAL CELL GROWTH FACTOR HAVING  
ANTAGONISTIC PROPERTIES, NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING THE SAME AND  
HOST CELLS COMPRISING THOSE NUCLEIC ACIDS--**

On page 46, line 12, after "3'", please insert --(SEQ ID NO:1)--.

On page 48, line 1, after "...", please insert --(SEQ ID NO:2)--.

On page 48, line 2, after "...", please insert --(SEQ ID NO:3)--.

On page 48, line 3, after "...", please insert --(SEQ ID NO:4)--.

On page 48, line 4, after "3'", please insert --(SEQ ID NO:5)--.

On page 48, line 5, after "5'", please insert --(SEQ ID NO:6)--.

On page 53, line 17, at the end of that line, please insert --(SEQ ID NO:7)--.

On page 53, line 18, at the end of that line, please insert --(SEQ ID NO:8)--.

On page 53, line 19, at the end of that line, please insert --(SEQ ID NO:9)--.

On page 53, line 20, at the end of that line, please insert --(SEQ ID NO:10)--.

On page 53, line 21, at the end of that line, please insert --(SEQ ID NO:11)--.